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Subj: 2008-2009 HUNTING SEASONS, LIMITS, AND OPERATIONAL HOURS
FOR THE GAME CHECKING STATION

Ref: (a) MCBO P11015.2A, Chapters 3 and 4

Encl: (1) 2008-2009 Hunting Seasons
(2) 2008-2009 Game Checking Station Hours of Operation,
Marine Corps Base, Quantico Hunter Orientation
Safety Class Schedule, and Mainside Archery
Qualification Class Schedule
(3) 2008-2009 Telephone Reservation Schedules

1. Purpose. To publish 2008-2009 hunting season dates, bag limits, Game Checking Station hours of operation, Hunter Orientation Safety Class schedules, reservation procedures, and special policies for hunting and trapping aboard Marine Corps Base, Quantico (MCBQ).

2. Information

a. Procedures and Requirements. The reference establishes procedures and requirements for hunting and trapping at MCBQ except as updated by this Bulletin. Enclosure (1) provides the 2008-2009 hunting season dates and bag limits.

b. The Game Checking Station Hours of Operation. The Game Checking Station hours of operation are shown at enclosure (2). The Game Checking Station is closed on Sundays, Labor Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. It closes at 1200 on Thanksgiving Day; hunters must return to the Game Checking Station no later than 1200.

c. License Sales. MCBQ hunting, fishing, and woodcutting licenses are sold at the Game Checking Station from opening time until either 1600 or closing time, whichever comes first, on days that the Game Checking Station is in operation. Sales may be suspended from 1030-1200 to allow the staff time to accomplish other priority daily tasks, so calling prior to going to the Game Checking Station during this time frame is recommended.

d. Hunting License Cost. The annual MCBQ hunting license, valid for one year from the date of purchase, costs \$20.00. A trip license, valid for three consecutive hunting days, costs \$5.00. Persons under the age of 18, those 65 and over, and persons having the Virginia permanently disabled resident lifetime license will be provided a MCBQ hunting license free of charge. Non-hunters are issued a Non-Hunter Permission Card in lieu of a license. The cost to replace a lost MCBQ license is \$2.00.

e. Trapping. The annual MCBQ trapping license costs \$10.00. To be eligible for assignment to a trapping area, prospective trappers must submit an application to the Game Checking Station prior to 1200 on 12 November 2008.

f. Virginia Hunter Education Course (VHEC). Hunters who need to attend a VHEC are advised to contact the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries at www.dgif.state.va.us for a listing of course offerings.

g. Virginia Apprentice Hunting License (VAHL). MCBQ will accept the VAHL as a waiver for VHEC requirements in accordance with (IAW) Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regulations; hunters who have a VAHL do not need to attend the VHEC. Any person hunting with a VAHL must be under the direct and immediate control of an adult escort.

h. MCBQ Hunter Orientation Safety Class. Classes are given at Building 5-9 (Game Checking Station) IAW the schedule listed in enclosure (2); classes start promptly. Hunters and non-hunters who were licensed to hunt or accompany a hunter aboard MCBQ during the 2007-2008 hunting season are excused from the class; all other persons eight years old and older must attend. Children under the age of eight do not have to watch the video, but their parent or guardian must complete a hold harmless form on their behalf and must keep the child under their immediate control and supervision at all times.

i. Hunter Tracking System (HTS)

(1) Reservation. Hunters can reserve daily hunting permits by calling the Game Checking Station's reservation system at (703) 784-6704. Hunters may call and reserve hunting permits the day prior to their intended hunt or on the day of the hunt. Call-in times for early reservations are shown at enclosure (3).

(2) Check-In. After making a reservation, hunters are to scan their hunting license at the Game Checking Station to check into their assigned hunting area.

(3) Check-Out. At the completion of hunting, hunters are to scan their MCBQ hunting license to check-out of their assigned hunting area. At that time, they must report all harvested animals at the service window, and will receive check cards for any big game animals.

(4) On hunting days when the Game Checking Station operating hours end prior to the close of hunting hours, hunters will still be able to scan their MCBQ hunting license to check-out for the current hunting day and check-in to pick up passes for the next hunting day using the HTS. Hunters are to complete and drop off a written game harvest report if no Game Checking Station attendant is present.

(5) An information packet on how to use the HTS is available at the Game Checking Station.

j. Mainside Qualification. In order to hunt in the Mainside archery hunting area, MCBQ licensed hunters must attend the Mainside Archery Qualification Class. The class schedule is listed at enclosure (2). Archery hunters should bring their archery equipment and at least six arrows; either broad head or field points are allowed. To successfully qualify, the archer must shoot three out of five arrows from an elevated position into an 8-inch round target placed at a distance of between 15 and 25 yards. Hunters who qualified the previous hunting season do not need to re-qualify.

k. Physically Challenged Hunting Access Program. In addition to provisions for wheelchair hunting contained in paragraph 3005 of the reference, the following guidelines apply:

(1) To optimize opportunities for recreation and rehabilitation therapy for persons with severe injuries (e.g., loss of limb, paralysis, etc.), they are invited to participate in the guest hunting program IAW Appendix A of the reference.

(2) Physically challenged hunters may be authorized, on a case by case basis, to use firearms for hunting in areas where hunting is normally restricted to archery tackle. To do so, the following conditions must be met:

(a) Hunting may only be conducted from locations where terrain features and management of the hunt will prevent any projectile from impinging upon buildings, roads, or occupied training areas;

(b) The Guest Hunting Office, Game Checking Station, has coordinated the hunt with the appropriate scheduling office(s) and area commander(s);

(c) At least one guest hunt coordinator has been assigned to escort the hunter and manage the hunt to ensure compliance with safety standards and all Virginia and MCBQ hunting regulations.

(3) The appropriate scheduling offices include: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 (Range Management Branch); S-3, Weapons Training Battalion; S-3, The Basic School; Site Manager, Transportation Demonstration Support Area; Area Commander for Camp Upshur; and S-3, Officer Candidates School.

1. Security. MCBQ is likely to be under an increased force protection condition during hunting season, which requires strict observation of security requirements and reporting of any suspicious activity. Hunters should report any suspicious activity to the Game Checking Station in person or by calling (703) 784-5523/5329.

m. Parking at the Game Checking Station

(1) Hunter parking is authorized on hardened road shoulders along MCB #1, south and east of Building 5-9, Game Checking Station. All parking along Building 5-9 and inside the fencing is reserved for employees and government owned vehicles, unless otherwise approved. Unauthorized parking may result in loss of hunting privileges aboard the Base.

(2) The Commercial Vehicle Inspection (CVI) lot (former hunter parking lot) is off-limits to privately owned vehicles (POV), except Monday-Friday from 1600 (4:00 PM) - 2200 (10:00 PM), and all day on Saturday.

(3) POVs found in the CVI lot during unauthorized hours are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

n. Dove Hunting. There are no designated fields for dove hunting reservations. Hunters checking into firearms hunting areas may take dove IAW Virginia regulations.

3. Special Deer Management Policies

a. Special Muzzle Loading Gun Season. There will be no muzzle loading gun season aboard MCBQ, with the following exception: muzzle loader gun hunting for deer from 1-14 November is authorized for guest hunts IAW paragraph 2k of this Bulletin. Guest hunt coordinators who are providing guide services on these special hunts are not authorized to use muzzle loading firearms, but may hunt with archery tackle.

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b. Bonus Deer Tags. Bonus deer tags, sold by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will not be accepted for deer harvested aboard MCBQ.

c. Deer Management Assistance Program Tags. The Game Checking Station may provide Deer Management Assistance Program tags to hunters for the harvest of antlerless deer in the following archery hunting areas: Mainside, Engineer Test Area, 2, 3, 4, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and 17 Upshur. Only Deer Management Assistance Program permits issued by the Game Checking Station are valid aboard MCBQ. No more than two Deer Management Assistance Program tags may be used per day per hunter. Deer tagged with Deer Management Assistance Program tags will not count against either daily or season bag limits.

d. Bag Limits. The daily deer bag limit is one; the season limit is four. Any of the tabs on the Virginia deer, bear, and turkey licenses can be used at MCBQ so long as no more than two antlered bucks are harvested and the total number of tabs notched at MCBQ does not exceed four. Deer Management Assistance Program tags authorized in archery areas do not count against daily or season limits.

e. Russell Road Landfill. The special hunting regulations at paragraph 3006.4 of the reference are amended to allow the hunting partner of a wheelchair hunter to take antlered bucks during the deer season.

4. Legal Hunting Hours

a. Hunting hours begin at ½ hour before sunrise. The one exception is that dove hunting begins at 1200 (noon) from 2-27 September.

b. During spring gobbler season and on Thanksgiving Day, hunting ends at 1200 (noon).

c. Hunting hours for migratory birds ends at sunset in compliance with Federal regulations. Hunting of non-migratory game animals ends at sunset, except that during deer firearms season, (15-26 November and 28 November - 3 January), when it will cease at 1700 (5:00 PM).

5. Bobwhite Quail and Ruffed Grouse Seasons. Bobwhite quail and ruffed grouse may not be harvested on MCBQ. Bird dog training is allowed IAW procedures in the reference. These bird populations have declined to low numbers within the region and aboard MCBQ. All hunters are encouraged to report to the Game Checking Station locations where these birds are observed.

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6. Nuisance Species. Hunters may take at anytime, while checked out to hunt, animals designated as nuisance species in Virginia, which include, coyote, groundhog, European starling, and English sparrow. Hunters are to report to the Game Checking Station any nuisance species that are taken on MCBQ. Hunters are reminded that shooting or harming dogs is illegal.

7. Fields Off-Limits to Migratory Waterfowl Hunting. Fields planted to annual grains and manipulated to attract doves may not be legally hunted for geese and ducks. A map of these fields is posted at the Game Checking Station.

8. Resting Days for Waterfowl Season. During the 2008-2009 waterfowl hunting seasons, waterfowl hunting east of Interstate 95 will be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. This does not apply to waterfowl hunting in September, October, and on Thanksgiving Day. Resting days may help attract waterfowl back into Quantico tidal creeks in contrast to avoidance behavior that may be caused by daily hunting pressure.

9. Access to Scout Hunting Areas West of Interstate 95. The guidelines below supersede the instructions in paragraph 3003.5 of the reference.

a. During the 2008-2009 hunting seasons, 2 September 2008 - 16 May 2009, permission to enter these training areas for hunting and trapping activities, to include scouting, dog training and the installation of temporary tree stands, must be obtained at the Game Checking Station.

b. Monday-Saturday, when the Game Checking Station is open, patrons are to exchange their MCBQ hunting or trapping license for a daily permit IAW the procedures in the reference. Scouting is permitted during normal Game Checking Station operating hours (refer to enclosure (2)). Hunt-related scouting in the training areas will be closed from 17 May 2009 - 29 August 2009.

c. Sunday access

(1) On Sundays, when the Game Checking Station is closed, patrons are to sign in and out of a Range Access Authorization log book at the Deer Weighing Shed, Game Checking Station. Authorized scouting times are 0730-1630. Patrons must be logged back in no later than 1630. No firearms or archery tackle are permitted on the person or in the vehicle when scouting.

(2) After 1630, a Range Management Branch patrolman checks the log to verify that all patrons have returned. Failure to sign in and out may result in loss of hunting privileges and debarment from the Installation.

(3) A daily schedule of areas that the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Division has pre-approved by for recreational access, will be posted at the Game Checking Station. Patrons may sign into any area on the open list. All other areas are off-limits!

(4) The log-in process requires the patron to print his/her MCBQ hunting license number, name, training area number, two telephone numbers (preferably cell and home), and vehicle description in the ledger book. Patrons are to place their MCBQ license on the left hand side of the dash board so that it is readable from outside the vehicle.

d. Specific instructions for this check-out program are available at the Game Checking Station.

e. Recreational access in these training areas is closed on Labor Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, and after 1200 on Thanksgiving Day. Recreational access is also subject to closure due to inclement weather, elevated force protection conditions, fire hazard, etc. Unscheduled closures will be posted at the Game Checking Station.

10. Action

a. Addressees shall adhere to and ensure the widest dissemination of the contents of this Bulletin.

b. The Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5, with support from the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, area commanders, and area sportsmen will strive to optimize recreational access for physically challenged hunters.



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2008-2009 HUNTING SEASONS

BEAR

Archery 11 Oct- 8 Nov One per season.

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regulations apply:
Females with cubs may not be harvested. Minimum weight 100 lbs live or 75 lbs dressed. Bear can be taken in any open hunting area, including Mainside.

CROW

3 Sep-31 Jan No bag limit. It is lawful to hunt crows only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

DEER

Archery	4 Oct-14 Nov	Either-sex.
	5 Jan-31 Jan	Antlerless only and in the Mainside Archery Area only.
Firearms	15 Nov- 3 Jan	Buck-only, except on designated either-sex days, which are 29 Nov, and 26 Dec-3 Jan.

Marine Corps Base, Quantico (MCBQ) Deer Hunting Notes & Definitions:

Antlerless Deer: Females (does) and male fawns (button bucks) have no polished bony antler protruding above the hairline and are considered to be antlerless deer.

Bucks: During the buck-only portion of the firearms deer season, only mature bucks, those with polished antlers protruding above the hairline, may be taken. Deer Management Assistance Program and antlerless tags may not be used on bucks.

Daily Bag Limit: One deer per hunter per day, except that hunters in the archery only areas: Mainside, Engineer Test Area, 2, 3, 4, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and 17 Upshur may take up to two additional antlerless deer per day on Deer Management Assistance Program tags, which do not count against either the daily or season bag limit.

Season Bag Limit: Four per license year. No more than two bucks (see definition above) can be taken at MCBQ during the 2008-2009 deer season. Antlerless deer taken on Deer Management Assistance Program tags do not count against the season limit.

Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation: The Virginia youth antlerless deer regulation applies at MCBQ.

ENCLOSURE (1)

DOVE

2 Sep-27 Sep
4 Oct-31 Oct
27 Dec-10 Jan

Daily Limit: 15. During the first season, 2 Sep-27 Sep, hunting is allowed from 1200 until sunset. Dove may be taken in any open gun hunting area during legal hunting hours and seasons. There are no designated dove fields. During the last two seasons, legal hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset.

FURBEARERS

Fox	1 Nov-31 Jan	No Limit
Opossum	15 Oct-31 Jan	No Limit
Raccoon	15 Oct-31 Jan	Daily Limit: Two

NOTE: Night hunting is prohibited on MCBQ; furbearers can only be taken during daytime hunting hours, 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset or else by 1700 during deer firearms season per paragraph 4c of the basic bulletin.

QUAIL & RUFFED GROUSE

Season closed

RABBIT

1 Nov-31 Jan Daily Limit: Six

SEPTEMBER CANADA GOOSE

2 Sep-25 Sep Daily Limit: Ten

Note: All hunting ceases at sunset.

SEPTEMBER TEAL

20 Sep-30 Sep Daily Limit: Four

SQUIRREL

6 Sep-31 Jan Daily Limit: Six

TURKEY (Fall Seasons)

Archery	4 Oct-8 Nov
Firearms	18 Oct (Youth Turkey Hunt)
	25 Oct-7 Nov
	27 Nov (Thanksgiving Day)
	8 Dec-3 Jan

TURKEY (Spring Gobbler)

4 Apr: (Youth Turkey Hunt) Youth hunters 15 years of age or younger may hunt and must be accompanied by their parent, guardian, or authorized adult. The adult may not carry a weapon. All participants must be licensed to hunt on MCBQ for the 2008-2009 hunting season.

11 Apr-16 May

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1200 for the entire season.

Daily Limit: One.

Annual Limit: Three. No more than two turkeys may be taken in the fall; no more than two turkeys may be taken in the spring.

WATERFOWL: Duck, goose, and swan seasons established by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will be in effect at MCBQ from 2 Sep 08-1 Feb 09. Any Virginia special waterfowl hunting days for youths will be in effect at MCBQ.

WOODCOCK

8 Nov-22 Nov
20 Dec-3 Jan

Daily Limit: Three

ENCLOSURE (1).

2008-2009 GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION,
MARINE CORPS BASE, QUANTICO HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS SCHEDULE,
AND MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION CLASS SCHEDULE

DATES	GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION	HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS TIMES
28 Aug-3 Oct	0800-1600 ¹	0800, 0900, 1000, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500
4 Oct-14 Nov	0530-1 1/2 hour past sunset	0600-1000 as requested (Monday - Saturday) 1200-1515 1500 (Monday - Friday).
27 Nov (Thanksgiving)	0530-1200	None
15 Nov-3 Jan	0530-1 1/2 hour past 1700	0600-1000 as requested (Monday - Saturday) 1200-1515 1500 (Monday - Friday).
5 Jan-31 Feb	0800-0900 ¹	By appointment
3 Apr & 10 Apr	0800-1300	0815, 0915, 1015,
4, 11 Apr-16 May	0445-1300	0500, 0600, 0700, 0800
MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION SCHEDULE		
6-27 Sep (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, only)		1400
11 Oct and 8 Nov		1400

Note: 1. When the Game Checking Station closes at 1600, hunters returning after 1600 will be able to use the automated Hunter Tracking System to check-out for the current hunting day and check-in to pick up passes for the next hunting day. Hunters will drop off a written game harvest report.

ENCLOSURE (2)

2008-2009 TELEPHONE RESERVATION SCHEDULES

FALL/WINTER HUNTING SEASON & WATERFOWL BLINDS		
Hunter Category	Telephone Reservation Times ¹	Authorized Issue of Daily Permits ^{2,3}
GREEN with CVP Card ⁴	1130-1559	A
GREEN	1140-1559	A
BLUE with CVP Card	1140-1559	A+B
BLUE	1230-1559	A+B
BROWN with CVP Card	1230-1559	A+C
BROWN	1315-1559	C
ALL LICENSES	1600-2359	A+B+C

- Note:
1. On rare occasions, late changes to the training schedule may result in the delay of reservation times.
 2. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve a maximum of two hunting permits, one for himself/herself and one for a friend. Quotas: A=70% of daily passes; B=15% of daily passes; C=15% of daily passes.
 3. A calendar will be published prior to the season that designates for each hunting day, which waterfowl blinds are in the "A, B or C" quota for checkout purposes. The designation of the blinds will be rotated on a systematic basis. Due to the limited number of blinds, a hunter may reserve or pick up only one blind during early checkout. To encourage equal access to blinds, any individual who hunted a blind may not reserve the same blind for the next day's hunt prior to 1600 during early checkout.
 4. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.

ENCLOSURE (3)

SPRING GOBBLER HUNTING SEASON		
Hunter Category	Telephone Reservation Times ¹	Authorized Issue of Daily Permits ²
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1130-1259	A
GREEN	1140-1259	A
BLUE with CVP Card	1140-1259	A+B
BLUE	1200-1259	A+B
BROWN with CVP Card	1220-1259	A+C
BROWN	1240-1259	C
ALL LICENSES	1300-2359	A+B+C

- Note: 1. On rare occasions, late changes to the training schedule may result in the delay of reservation times.
2. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve a maximum of two hunting permits, one for himself/herself and one for a friend. Quotas: A=70% of daily passes; B=15% of daily passes; C=15% of daily passes. If the hunter has a Conservation Volunteer Program Guest Card, he/she may take a guest on a "companion" hunt. The hunters must proceed to and from the assigned hunting area in the same vehicle and must stay within 20 yards of one another. Each hunter may carry a weapon.
3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.

ENCLOSURE (3)